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11 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
**EASTERN DIVISION**

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13 SERGIO ORTEGA and LEQUEINT  
14 COLE, on behalf of themselves and all  
15 others similarly situated,

16 Plaintiffs,

17 v.

18 HERITAGE PROVIDER NETWORK,  
INC., REGAL MEDICAL GROUP,  
INC., LAKESIDE MEDICAL  
19 ORGANIZATION, A MEDICAL  
GROUP, INC., ADOC ACQUISITION  
CO., A MEDICAL GROUP, INC.,  
GREATER COVINA MEDICAL  
20 GROUP INC., ARIZONA HEALTH  
ADVANTAGE, INC. d/b/a ARIZONA  
PRIORITY CARE, AND AZPC  
CLINICS, LLC,

21 Defendants.

22 Case No. 23-cv-331

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24 **CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT**

25 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

26 Plaintiffs Sergio Ortega and Lequeint Cole, individually and on behalf of the  
27 Classes defined below of similarly situated persons ("Plaintiffs"), allege the

1 following against Heritage Provider Network, Inc. (“HPN”), Regal Medical Group,  
2 Inc. (“Regal”), Lakeside Medical Organization, A Medical Group Inc. (“Lakeside”),  
3 ADOC Acquisition Co., A Medical Group, Inc. (“ADOC”), Greater Covina Medical  
4 Group Inc. (“Covina”), Arizona Health Advantage Inc. d/b/a Arizona Priority Care  
5 (“APC”), and AZPC Clinics, LLC (“AZPC”) (collectively “Defendants”) based  
6 upon personal knowledge with respect to themselves and on information and belief  
7 derived from, among other things, investigation by Plaintiffs’ counsel and review of  
8 public documents as to all other matters:

9 **INTRODUCTION**

10 1. Plaintiffs brings this class action against Defendants for their failure to  
11 properly secure and safeguard Plaintiffs’ and other similarly-situated patients’  
12 names, Social Security numbers, dates of birth, addresses, medical diagnoses and  
13 treatment, treatment dates and information, phone numbers, service authorization  
14 numbers, health plan numbers, and other sensitive medical records from hackers.

15 2. HPN, based in Southern California, is a healthcare network that serves  
16 California patients. HPN is one of the largest private healthcare networks in the U.S.  
17 Defendants Regal, Lakeside, ADOC, Covina, APC, and AZPC are all part of HPN.

18 3. On or about February 3, 2023, Regal sent out data breach letters (“Data  
19 Breach Notice” or “Notice”) to individuals whose information was compromised as  
20 a result of what it referred to as “a ransomware cyberattack.” Regal reported that the  
21 attack was on its systems as well as on the systems of other HPN subsidiaries  
22 Lakeside, ADOC, and Covina. On information and belief, APC sent out its own data  
23 breach letters to impacted individuals.

24 4. Based on the Notices sent by Regal and APC and news reports, on  
25 December 2, 2022, Defendants “noticed difficulty in accessing some of [their]  
26 servers.” In response, Defendants claim that they performed a review. That review  
27 revealed that malware was present on some of their servers and that an unauthorized  
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1 party had accessed and exfiltrated certain files (the “Data Breach”). The Data Breach  
2 impacted HPN, Regal, Lakeside, ADOC, Covina, APC, and AZPC.

3       5. Information compromised in the Data Breach included highly sensitive  
4 data that represents a gold mine for data thieves. This includes names, Social  
5 Security numbers, dates of birth, addresses, medical diagnoses and treatment,  
6 treatment dates and information, phone numbers, service authorization numbers,  
7 health plan numbers, and other sensitive medical records (collectively, the “Private  
8 Information”) and includes personally identifiable information (“PII”) and protected  
9 health information (“PHI”) as defined by the Health Insurance Portability and  
10 Accountability Act of 1996 (“HIPAA”) that Defendants collected and maintained.

11       6. Armed with the Private Information accessed in the Data Breach and a  
12 head start, a data thief could commit a variety of crimes including, *e.g.*, using Class  
13 Members’ names to obtain medical services, using Class Members’ information to  
14 obtain government benefits, opening new financial accounts in Class Members’  
15 names, taking out loans in Class Members’ names, and filing fraudulent tax returns  
16 using Class Members’ information.

17       7. Plaintiffs and Class Members have thus suffered ascertainable losses in  
18 the form of the loss of the benefit of their bargain, out-of-pocket expenses, and the  
19 value of their time reasonably incurred to remedy or mitigate the effects of the Data  
20 Breach.

21       8. Plaintiffs brings this class action lawsuit to address Defendants’  
22 inadequate safeguarding of Class Members’ Private Information that it collected and  
23 maintained.

24       9. The potential for improper disclosure of Plaintiffs’ and Class Members’  
25 Private Information was a known risk to Defendants, and thus Defendants were on  
26 notice that failing to take necessary steps to secure the Private Information left that  
27 Private Information vulnerable to an attack.

10. Upon information and belief, Defendants and their employees failed to properly monitor the computer network and systems that housed the Private Information. If Defendants had properly monitored their networks, they would have discovered the Data Breach sooner than they did.

11. Plaintiffs' and Class Members' identities are now at risk because of Defendants' negligent conduct, as the Private Information, PII, and PHI that Defendants collected and maintained is now likely in the hands of data thieves and unauthorized third-parties.

12. Plaintiffs seek to remedy these harms on behalf of themselves and all similarly situated individuals whose Private Information was accessed and/or compromised during the Data Breach.

13. Plaintiffs seek remedies including, but not limited to, compensatory damages, reimbursement of out-of-pocket costs, and injunctive relief including improvements to Defendants' data security systems, future annual audits, and adequate credit monitoring services funded by Defendants.

## PARTIES

14. Plaintiff Sergio Ortega is, and at all times mentioned herein was, an individual citizen of the State of California residing in the City of Corona in Riverside County.

15. Plaintiff Lequeint Cole is, and at all times mentioned herein was, an individual citizen of the State of Arizona residing in the City of San Tan Valley in Pinal County.

16. Defendant HPN is a healthcare network with locations across southern California and with its central location in Northridge, California in Los Angeles County. HPN is incorporated in California. HPN administers health care groups, including Defendants Regal, ADOC, Lakeside, Covina, APC, and AZPC.

17. Defendant Regal is a healthcare provider with various locations in Southern California. Regal is affiliated with Lakeside, ADOC, and Covina. Regal issued the Data Breach Notice on behalf of itself, Lakeside, ADOC, and Covina. Regal is incorporated in California. Regal is a subsidiary of HPN.

18. Defendant Lakeside is a healthcare provider with its principal place of business in Burbank, California and is incorporated in California. Lakeside is a subsidiary of HPN.

19. Defendant ADOC is a healthcare provider with its principal place of business in Northridge, California and is incorporated in California. ADOC is a subsidiary of HPN.

20. Defendant Covina is a healthcare provider with its principal place of business in Northridge, California and is incorporated in California. Covina is a subsidiary of HPN.

21. Defendant APC is a healthcare provider with its principal place of business in Chandler, Arizona. APC is a subsidiary of HPN.

22. Defendant AZPC is a healthcare provider with its principal place of business in Chandler, Arizona. AZPC is a subsidiary of HPN.

## **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

23. The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action under the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2). The amount in controversy exceeds \$5 million, exclusive of interest and costs. The number of class members is well over 100, some of whom have different citizenship than one or more Defendants. Thus, minimal diversity exists under 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2)(A).

24. This Court has jurisdiction over Defendants because HPN operates in and has its principal place of business in this District where it provides administration services for each of the other subsidiary Defendants.

25. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331(a)(1) because a substantial part of the events giving rise to this action occurred in this District. Defendants have harmed Class Members residing in this District.

## **HPN COLLECTS HIGHLY SENSITIVE INFORMATION**

26. Founded in 1979, HPN is a healthcare network based in Southern California. HPN is comprised of over 3,700 primary care physicians, over 10,000 specialists and almost 1,700 affiliated facilities. HPN is one of the largest network providers in California. HPN is estimated to have an annual revenue approaching \$700 million. HPN administers multiple medical groups, including the following:

- a. Defendant Regal
  - b. Defendant Lakeside
  - c. Defendant ADOC
  - d. Defendant Covina
  - e. Defendant APC
  - f. Defendant AZPC
  - g. Bakersfield Family Medical Center
  - h. Coastal Communities Physician Network
  - i. Desert Oasis Health Care
  - j. High Desert Medical Group
  - k. Heritage Victor Valley Medical Group
  - l. Sierra Medical Group

27. As a condition of receiving medical services, Defendants require that their patients entrust them with highly sensitive PII and PHI. In the ordinary course of receiving services, patients are required to provide sensitive personal and private information such as names, Social Security numbers, dates of birth, addresses, phone numbers, and sensitive medical and health insurance information, among other things.

1       28. In its Privacy Policy, Defendant Regal promises patients that it “has  
 2 adopted and adheres to stringent security standards designed to protect non-public  
 3 personal information … against accidental or unauthorized access or disclosure.”<sup>1</sup>  
 4 Regal also describes in its Privacy Policy the limited, specific instances when Regal  
 5 shares patient health information and says that it will not share patients’ information  
 6 “other than described here unless you tell us we can in writing.”<sup>2</sup> Regal explains on  
 7 its website that it does so in order to comply with HIPAA.<sup>3</sup> Pursuant to its privacy  
 8 notice mandated by HIPAA, Regal explains to its patients that it is “required by law  
 9 to maintain the privacy and security of your protected health information” and that  
 10 it “will let you know promptly if a breach occurs that may have compromised the  
 11 privacy or security of your information.”<sup>4</sup>

12       29. HPN’s HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practice makes similar promises,  
 13 including that it is “required by law to maintain the privacy and security of your  
 14 protected health information,” that it “must follow the duties and privacy practices  
 15 described in this notice,” and that it “will let you know promptly if a breach occurs  
 16 that may have compromised the privacy or security of your information.”<sup>5</sup> On

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18       <sup>1</sup> See Regal Notice of Privacy Practices, [www.regalmed.com/privacy-notice/](http://www.regalmed.com/privacy-notice/) (last  
 19 visited Feb. 24, 2023).

20       <sup>2</sup> See Regal Notice of Privacy Practice, [www.regalmed.com/Regal-en-us/assets/File/RMG-Notice-of-Privacy-Practice.pdf](http://www.regalmed.com/Regal-en-us/assets/File/RMG-Notice-of-Privacy-Practice.pdf) (last visited Feb. 24, 2023).

22       <sup>3</sup> See Regal Notice of Privacy Practices, [www.regalmed.com/privacy-notice/](http://www.regalmed.com/privacy-notice/) (last  
 23 visited Feb. 24, 2023).

24       <sup>4</sup> See Regal Notice of Privacy Practice, [www.regalmed.com/Regal-en-us/assets/File/RMG-Notice-of-Privacy-Practice.pdf](http://www.regalmed.com/Regal-en-us/assets/File/RMG-Notice-of-Privacy-Practice.pdf) (last visited Feb. 24, 2023).

26       <sup>5</sup> See Heritage Provider Network Notice of Privacy Practice,  
 27 <https://www.heritageprovidernetwork.com/files/Privacy%20Practice.pdf> (last  
 28 visited Feb. 24, 2023).

1 information and belief, HPN's HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practice or an essentially  
2 identical notice is provided to patients of all Defendants.

3 30. APC's Notice of Privacy assures patients that:

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5 Uses and disclosures of your protected health information that involve  
6 the release of psychotherapy notes (if any), marketing, sale of your  
7 protected health information, or other uses and disclosures not  
described in this notice or required by law will be made only with your  
separate written permission.<sup>6</sup>

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9 31. On information and belief, other Defendants have the same or similar  
10 privacy policies as Regal, HPN, and APC.

11 32. On information and belief, Defendants provide each of their patients  
12 with a copy of their Privacy Policy and require each to sign an acknowledgment with  
13 regard to the Privacy Policy.

14 33. Defendants use Private Information from patients to provide medical  
15 and healthcare-related services to patients.

16 34. By obtaining, collecting, using, and deriving a benefit from Plaintiffs'  
17 and Class Members' Private Information, Defendants assumed legal and equitable  
18 duties and knew or should have known that they were responsible for protecting  
19 Plaintiffs' and Class Members' Private Information from disclosure.

20 35. Plaintiffs and Class Members have taken reasonable steps to maintain  
21 the confidentiality of their Private Information.

22 36. Plaintiffs and Class Members relied on Defendants to keep their Private  
23 Information, PII, and PHI confidential and securely maintained and to only make  
24 authorized disclosures of this information.

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28 <sup>6</sup> See APC Notice of Privacy, <https://azprioritycare.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/AZPC-Notice-Of-Privacy-Practices.pdf> (last visited Feb. 24, 2023).

**HPN'S DATA BREACH AND NOTICE**

37. Plaintiff Ortega was a patient of Regal and therefore also HPN. As part of receiving medical services from Regal, Regal collected, *inter alia*, Plaintiffs' name, date of birth, Social Security number, address, phone number, and medical and health insurance information.

38. Plaintiff Cole was a patient of APC and therefore also HPN. As part of receiving medical services from APC, APC collected, *inter alia*, Plaintiffs' name, date of birth, Social Security number, address, phone number, and medical and health insurance information.

39. According to Regal and APC, in early December 2022, Regal and APC learned of unauthorized access that occurred on or about December 1, 2022 to computer systems of Regal, Lakeside, ADOC, Covina, APC, and AZPC, all of which are entities administered by HPN. Both Regal and APC indicate that Regal and APC employees "noticed difficulty in accessing some of our servers." APC says that it "became aware" of the Data Breach on December 5, 2022 while Regal says that it "became aware" of the Data Breach on December 8, 2022.

40. The Regal notices indicates that as part of "a ransomware cyberattack," an unauthorized individual or individuals accessed a cache of highly sensitive PII and PHI, including patient names, dates of birth, Social Security numbers, addresses, phone numbers, and medical and health insurance information. The APC refers to the breach as involving malware and identifies the same or similar information as being "impacted personal information."

41. On or about February 3, 2023, two months after first learning of the Data Breach, Defendants began to notify their patients that its investigation had identified that their Private Information, PII, and PHI had been breached. The Data Breach Notification Letter sent to Plaintiff Ortega stated that "we believe that your personal information may have been impacted in the incident, and that your

1 impacted personal information may include your name, social security number . . . ,  
 2 date of birth, address, diagnosis and treatment, laboratory test results, prescription  
 3 data, radiology reports, health plan member number, and phone number.”

4       42. The Data Breach Notification Letter continued with sections entitled  
 5 “What We Are Doing,” “What You Can Do,” “Other Information,” and “For More  
 6 Information.” Other than offering one year of credit monitoring so long as victims  
 7 affirmatively call and request it,<sup>7</sup> recommending that victims register fraud alerts  
 8 with credit bureaus and order credit reports, and providing a phone number that  
 9 victims could call if they “have any additional questions about this incident,”  
 10 Defendants offered no other substantive steps to help victims like Plaintiffs and  
 11 Class Members to protect themselves, including with regard to their health, medical,  
 12 and insurance information.

13       43. On information and belief, Defendants sent a similar generic letter to  
 14 all individuals affected by the Data Breach.

15       44. Defendants had obligations created by contract, industry standards,  
 16 common law, and representations made to Plaintiffs and Class Members to keep  
 17 Class Members’ Private Information, PII, and PHI confidential and to protect from  
 18 unauthorized access and disclosure.

19       45. Plaintiffs and Class Members provided their Private Information to  
 20 Defendants with the reasonable expectation and mutual understanding that  
 21 Defendants would comply with their obligations to keep such information  
 22 confidential and secure from unauthorized access.

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25       <sup>7</sup> Notably, Defendants’ offer to provide only one year of credit monitoring is buried  
 26 in the Data Breach Notification Letter such that many patients are unlikely to  
 27 realize that is being offered. Additionally, on information and belief, it may be  
 28 difficult for patients to locate the referenced phone number that they need to call to  
 receive credit monitoring services.

46. Defendants' data security obligations were particularly important given the substantial increase in cyberattacks, especially in the healthcare industry.

47. Defendants knew or should have known that their electronic records would be targeted by cybercriminals.

## DATA BREACHES IN HEALTHCARE AND THE DISRUPTION THEY CAUSE

48. According to the Ponemon Institute and Verizon Data Breach Investigations Report, the health industry experiences more data breaches than any other sector.<sup>8</sup> Regular PII can be sold at a price ranging from \$40 to \$200, and bank details have a price range of \$50 to \$200.<sup>9</sup> However, PHI can sell for as much as \$363 according to the Infosec Institute.<sup>10</sup> This is because one's personal health history cannot be changed unlike credit card information.

49. PHI has increased value because criminals can use it to target victims with frauds and scams that take advantage of the victim's medical conditions or victim settlements. It can also be used to create fake insurance claims, allowing for the purchase and resale of medical equipment. Some criminals use PHI to illegally gain access to prescriptions for their own use or resale.

<sup>8</sup> *Data Breaches: In the Healthcare Sector*, Center for Internet Security, available at <https://www.cisecurity.org/insights/blog/data-breaches-in-the-healthcare-sector> (last visited Feb. 24, 2023).

<sup>9</sup> Your personal data is for sale on the dark web. Here's how much it costs, Digital Trends (Oct. 16, 2019), available at <https://www.digitaltrends.com/computing/personal-data-sold-on-the-dark-web-how-much-it-costs/> (last visited Feb. 24, 2023).

<sup>10</sup> *Data Breaches: In the Healthcare Sector*, Center for Internet Security, available at <https://www.cisecurity.org/insights/blog/data-breaches-in-the-healthcare-sector> (last visited Feb. 24, 2023).

1       50. Because of the value of its data, the medical industry has experienced  
 2 disproportionately higher numbers of data theft events than other industries. This is  
 3 well known in the healthcare industry.

4       51. Cyberattacks and data breaches at healthcare providers are especially  
 5 problematic because they can negatively impact the overall daily lives of patients  
 6 affected by the attack.

7       52. Researchers have found that among medical service providers that  
 8 experience a data security incident, the death rate among patients increased in the  
 9 months and years after the incident.<sup>11</sup> Researchers have also found that at medical  
 10 service providers that experienced a data security incident, the incident was  
 11 associated with an overall deterioration in timeliness and patient outcomes.<sup>12</sup>

## 12       **DEFENDANTS FAILED TO COMPLY WITH FTC GUIDELINES**

13       53. The Federal Trade Commission (the “FTC”) has promulgated  
 14 numerous guides for businesses which highlight the importance of implementing  
 15 reasonable data security practices. According to the FTC, the need for data security  
 16 should be factored into all business decision-making.

17       54. In October 2016, the FTC updated its publication, Protecting Personal  
 18 Information: A Guide for Business, which established cybersecurity guidelines for  
 19 businesses. The guidelines note that businesses should protect the personal  
 20 information that they keep, properly dispose of personal information that is no longer

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 22       <sup>11</sup> See Nsikan Akpan, *Ransomware and Data Breaches Linked to Uptick in Fatal*  
*Heart Attacks*, PBS (Oct. 24, 2019),  
 23       [https://www.pbs.org/newshour/science/ransomware-and-other-data-breaches-linked-to-uptickin-fatal-heart-attacks](https://www.pbs.org/newshour/science/ransomware-and-other-data-breaches-linked-to-uptick-in-fatal-heart-attacks) (last visited Feb. 24, 2023).

25       <sup>12</sup> See Sung J. Choi, et al., *Data Breach Remediation Efforts and Their*  
*Implications for Hospital Quality*, 54 Health Services Research 971, 971-980  
 26       (2019). Available at <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/1475-6773.13203> (last visited Feb. 24, 2023)

1 needed, encrypt information stored on computer networks, understand their  
2 network's vulnerabilities, and implement policies to correct any security problems.  
3 The guidelines also recommend that businesses use an intrusion detection system to  
4 expose a breach as soon as it occurs, monitor all incoming traffic for activity  
5 indicating someone is attempting to hack into the system, watch for large amounts  
6 of data being transmitted from the system, and have a response plan ready in the  
7 event of a breach.

8       55. The FTC further recommends that companies not maintain PII longer  
9 than is needed for authorization of a transaction, limit access to sensitive data,  
10 require complex passwords to be used on networks, use industry-tested methods for  
11 security, monitor for suspicious activity on the network, and verify that third-party  
12 service providers have implemented reasonable security measures.

13       56. The FTC has brought enforcement actions against entities for failing to  
14 adequately and reasonably protect data by treating the failure to employ reasonable  
15 and appropriate measures to protect against unauthorized access to confidential data  
16 as an unfair act or practice prohibited by Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission  
17 Act (“FTCA”), 15 U.S.C. § 45. Orders resulting from these actions further clarify  
18 the measures businesses must take to meet their data security obligations.

19       57. On information and belief, Defendants failed to properly implement  
20 basic data security practices. Defendants’ failure to employ reasonable and  
21 appropriate measures to protect against unauthorized access to PII constitutes an  
22 unfair act or practice prohibited by Section 5 of the FTCA.

23       58. Defendants were at all times fully aware of their obligation to protect  
24 the PII and PHI of their patients.

25       59. Defendants knew or should have known of the risks they faced as  
26 medical service providers and should have strengthened their data systems  
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1 accordingly. Defendants were put on notice of the substantial and foreseeable risk  
2 of harm from a data breach yet they failed to properly prepare for that risk.

3 **HPN FAILED TO COMPLY WITH INDUSTRY STANDARDS**

4 60. As noted above, experts studying cybersecurity routinely identify  
5 businesses as being particularly vulnerable to cyberattacks because of the value of  
6 the PII which they collect and maintain.

7 61. Some industry best practices that should be implemented by entities  
8 like Defendants, include but are not limited to: educating all employees, strong  
9 password requirements, multilayer security including firewalls, anti-virus and anti-  
10 malware software, encryption, multi-factor authentication, backing up data, and  
11 limiting which employees can access sensitive data. Upon information and belief,  
12 Defendants failed to follow some or all of these industry best practices.

13 62. Other best cybersecurity practices that are standard in the industry  
14 include: installing appropriate malware detection software; monitoring and limiting  
15 the network ports; protecting web browsers and email management systems; setting  
16 up network systems such as firewalls, switches, and routers; monitoring and  
17 protecting physical security systems; and training staff regarding these points. Upon  
18 information and belief, Defendants failed to follow these cybersecurity best  
19 practices, including failure to train their staff.

20 63. Upon information and belief, Defendants failed to meet the minimum  
21 standards of any of the following frameworks: the NIST Cybersecurity Framework  
22 Version 1.1 (including without limitation PR.AC-1, PR.AC-3, PR.AC-4, PR.AC-5,  
23 PR.AC-6, PR.AC-7, PR.AC-8, PR.AT-1, PR.DS-1, PR.DS-5, PR.PT-1, PR.PT-3, DE.CM-1,  
24 DE.CM-4, DE.CM-7, DE.CM-8, and RS.CO-2), the HIPAA Security Rule and  
25 Breach Notification Rule, and the Center for Internet Security's Critical Security  
26 Controls (CIS CSC), which are all established standards in reasonable cybersecurity

1 readiness. Defendants' failure to comply with these accepted standards opened the  
 2 door to the cyber incident resulting in the Data Breach.

3 **DEFENDANTS' SECURITY OBLIGATIONS AND VIOLATIONS OF**  
 4 **HIPAA**

5 64. Defendants breached their obligations to Plaintiffs and Class Members  
 6 and/or were otherwise negligent and reckless because they failed to properly  
 7 maintain and safeguard their computer systems and data.

8 65. HIPAA requires covered entities like Defendants to protect against  
 9 reasonably anticipated threats to the security of sensitive patient health information.  
 10 Covered entities must implement safeguards to ensure the confidentiality, integrity,  
 11 and availability of PHI. Safeguards must include physical, technical, and  
 12 administrative components.

13 66. Title II of HIPAA contains what are known as the Administrative  
 14 Simplification provisions. 42 U.S.C. §§ 1301, *et seq.* These provisions require,  
 15 among other things, that the Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS")  
 16 create rules to streamline the standards for handling the types of data that Defendant  
 17 left unguarded. The HHS subsequently promulgated multiple regulations.

18 67. Cyberattacks are considered a breach under the HIPAA Rules because  
 19 there is an access of PHI not permitted under the HIPAA Privacy Rule: A breach  
 20 under the HIPAA Rules is defined as "the acquisition, access, use, or disclosure of  
 21 PHI in a manner not permitted under the [HIPAA Privacy Rule] which compromises  
 22 the security or privacy of the PHI." 45 C.F.R. 164.40.10.

23 68. On information and belief, Defendants' unlawful conduct includes, but  
 24 is not limited to, the following acts and/or omissions:

- 25       a. Failing to maintain an adequate data security system to reduce the  
           risk of data breaches and cyberattacks;  
 26       b. Failing to adequately protect their patients' Private Information;

- 1 c. Failing to properly monitor their data security systems for existing  
2 intrusions;
- 3 d. Failing to sufficiently train their employees regarding the proper  
4 handling of PII and PHI;
- 5 e. Failing to fully comply with FTC guidelines for cybersecurity in  
6 violation of Section 5 of the FTCA;
- 7 f. Failing to ensure compliance with HIPAA security standard rules by  
8 their workforce in violation of 45 C.F.R. § 164.306(a)(4);
- 9 g. Failing to render the electronic PHI they maintained unusable,  
10 unreadable, or indecipherable to unauthorized individuals, as they  
11 had not encrypted the electronic PHI as specified in the HIPAA  
12 Security Rule by “the use of an algorithmic process to transform  
13 data into a form in which there is a low probability of assigning  
14 meaning without use of a confidential process or key” (45 CFR §  
15 164.304’s definition of “encryption”); and
- 16 h. Failing to adhere to industry standards for cybersecurity.

17 69. On information and belief, as a result of computer systems in need of  
18 security upgrades, inadequate procedures for handling emails containing viruses or  
19 other malignant computer code, and/or employees who opened files containing the  
20 virus or malignant code that perpetrated the cyberattack, Defendants negligently and  
21 unlawfully failed to safeguard Plaintiffs’ and Class Members’ Private Information.

22 70. On information and belief, the Data Breach resulted from a combination  
23 of insufficiencies that demonstrate that Defendants failed to comply with safeguards  
24 mandated by HIPAA regulations.

25 71. Accordingly, as outlined below, Plaintiffs’ and Class Members’ lives  
26 were severely disrupted. What’s more, they now face an increased risk of fraud and

1 identity theft. Plaintiffs and Class Members also lost the benefit of the bargain they  
 2 made with Defendants.

3 **DATA BREACHES, FRAUD, AND IDENTITY THEFT**

4 72. The FTC hosted a workshop to discuss “informational injuries” which  
 5 are injuries that consumers suffer from privacy and security incidents, such as data  
 6 breaches or unauthorized disclosure of data.<sup>13</sup> Exposure of personal information that  
 7 a consumer wishes to keep private may cause both market and non-market harm to  
 8 the consumer, such as the ability to obtain or keep employment. Consumers’ loss of  
 9 trust in e-commerce also deprives them of the benefits provided by the full range of  
 10 goods and services available which can have negative impacts on daily life.

11 73. Any victim of a data breach is exposed to serious ramifications  
 12 regardless of the nature of the data. Indeed, the reason why criminals steal  
 13 information is to monetize it. They do this by selling the spoils of their cyberattacks  
 14 on the black market to identity thieves who desire to extort and harass victims or  
 15 take over victims’ identities in order to engage in illegal financial transactions under  
 16 the victims’ names. Because a person’s identity is akin to a puzzle, the more accurate  
 17 pieces of data an identity thief obtains about a person, the easier it is for the thief to  
 18 take on the victim’s identity or otherwise harass or track the victim. For example,  
 19 armed with just a name and date of birth, a data thief can utilize a hacking technique  
 20 referred to as “social engineering” to obtain even more information about a victim’s  
 21 identity, such as a person’s login credentials or Social Security number. Social  
 22 engineering is a form of hacking whereby a data thief uses previously acquired  
 23 information to manipulate individuals into disclosing additional confidential or

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24 <sup>13</sup> *FTC Information Injury Workshop, BE and BCP Staff Perspective*, Federal  
 25 Trade Commission, (October 2018), available at  
 26 [https://www.ftc.gov/system/files/documents/reports/ftc-informational-injury-workshop-be-bcp-staff-perspective/informational\\_injury\\_workshop\\_staff\\_report\\_-oct\\_2018\\_0.pdf](https://www.ftc.gov/system/files/documents/reports/ftc-informational-injury-workshop-be-bcp-staff-perspective/informational_injury_workshop_staff_report_-oct_2018_0.pdf) (last visited Feb. 24, 2023).

1 personal information through means such as spam phone calls and text messages or  
2 phishing emails.

3       74. The FTC recommends that identity theft victims take several steps to  
4 protect their personal and financial information after a data breach, including  
5 contacting one of the credit bureaus to place a fraud alert on their account (and an  
6 extended fraud alert that lasts for 7 years if someone steals the victim's identity),  
7 reviewing their credit reports, contacting companies to remove fraudulent charges  
8 from their accounts, placing a freeze on their credit, and correcting their credit  
9 reports.<sup>14</sup>

10      75. Identity thieves use stolen personal information such as Social Security  
11 numbers for a variety of crimes, including credit card fraud, phone or utilities fraud,  
12 and bank/finance fraud.

13      76. Identity thieves can also use Social Security numbers to obtain an  
14 official identification card in the victim's name but with the thief's picture, use the  
15 victim's name and Social Security number to obtain government benefits, or file a  
16 fraudulent tax return using the victim's information. In addition, identity thieves may  
17 obtain a job using the victim's Social Security number, rent a house or receive  
18 medical services in the victim's name, and even give the victim's personal  
19 information to police during an arrest resulting in an arrest warrant being issued in  
20 the victim's name.

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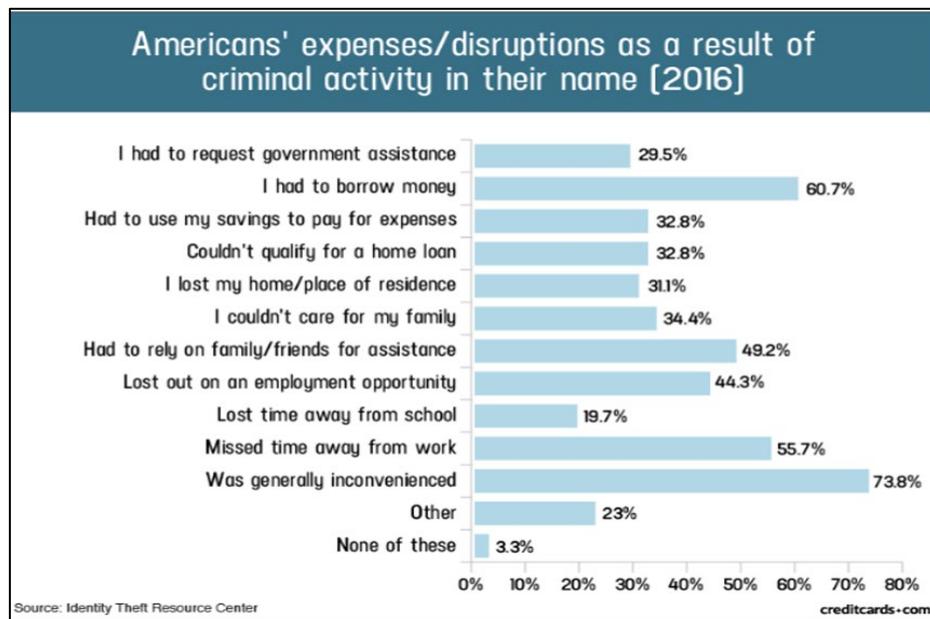
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<sup>14</sup> See *IdentityTheft.gov*, Federal Trade Commission, available at <https://www.identitytheft.gov/Steps> (last visited Feb. 24, 2023).

77. A study by the Identity Theft Resource Center<sup>15</sup> shows the multitude of harms caused by fraudulent use of PII:



78. Moreover, the value of Private Information is axiomatic. The value of “big data” in corporate America is astronomical. Meanwhile, the consequences of cyberthefts include heavy prison sentences. The fact that identity thieves attempt to steal identities notwithstanding these possible heavy prison sentences illustrates beyond a doubt that Private Information has considerable market value.

79. Theft of medical-related PHI is particularly troubling and can result in medical identity theft, where a thief uses the victim's information to see a doctor, get prescription drugs, buy medical devices, submit insurance claims, or get other medical care.<sup>16</sup> If the thief's health information is mixed with the victim's health

<sup>15</sup> Steele, Jason, *Credit Card and ID Theft Statistics*, CreditCards.com (October 23, 2017), available at <https://www.creditcards.com/credit-card-news/credit-card-security-id-theft-fraud-statistics-1276/> (last visited Feb. 24, 2023).

<sup>16</sup> *What To Know About Medical Identity Theft*, Federal Trade Commission (May 2021), available at <https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/what-know-about-medical-identity-theft> (last visited Feb. 24, 2023).

1 information, that could negatively impact the victim's health insurance benefits and  
 2 credit.

3       80. Drug manufacturers, medical device manufacturers, pharmacies,  
 4 hospitals and other healthcare service providers often purchase PII and PHI on the  
 5 black market for the purpose of marketing their products and services to the physical  
 6 maladies of the data breach victims themselves. Some insurance companies purchase  
 7 and use wrongfully-disclosed PHI to adjust their insureds' medical insurance  
 8 premiums.

9       81. It must also be noted that there may be a substantial time lag between  
 10 when harm occurs and when it is discovered, and also between when Private  
 11 Information and/or financial information is stolen and when it is used. According to  
 12 the U.S. Government Accountability Office, which conducted a study regarding data  
 13 breaches:<sup>17</sup>

14                   [Law enforcement officials told us that in some cases, stolen  
 15 data may be held for up to a year or more before being used to  
 16 commit identity theft. Further, once stolen data have been sold  
 17 or posted on the Web, fraudulent use of that information may  
 18 continue for years. As a result, studies that attempt to measure  
 19 the harm resulting from data breaches cannot necessarily rule out  
 20 all future harm.]

21       82. PII and PHI are such valuable commodities to identity thieves that once  
 22 the information has been compromised, criminals often trade the information on the  
 23 "cyber black market" for years.

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 26       <sup>17</sup> *Data Breaches Are Frequent, but Evidence of Resulting Identity Theft Is*  
 27 *Limited; However, the Full Extent Is Unknown*, GAO (June 2007), available at  
 28 <https://www.gao.gov/assets/270/262904.html> (last visited Feb. 21, 2023).

83. As a result, there is a strong probability that entire batches of stolen information have yet to be dumped on the black market, meaning that Plaintiffs and Class Members are at an increased risk of fraud and identity theft for many years into the future. Thus, Plaintiffs and Class Members have no choice but to vigilantly monitor their accounts for many years to come.

## **PLAINTIFFS' AND CLASS MEMBERS' DAMAGES**

84. Plaintiffs and Class Members have been damaged by the compromise of their Private Information, PII, and PHI in the Data Breach.

85. Plaintiffs' Private Information, including sensitive PII and PHI, was compromised as a direct and proximate result of the Data Breach.

86. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's conduct, Plaintiffs and Class Members have suffered an imminent, immediate, and continuing increased risk of harm from fraud and identity theft.

87. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's conduct, Plaintiffs and Class Members have been forced to expend time dealing with the effects of the Data Breach.

88. Plaintiffs and Class Members face a substantial risk of out-of-pocket fraud losses such as loans opened in their names, tax return fraud, medical fraud, utility bills opened in their names, credit card fraud, and similar identity theft.

89. Plaintiffs and Class Members face a substantial risk of being targeted for future phishing, data intrusion, and other illegal schemes based on their Private Information, as potential fraudsters could use that information to target their schemes more effectively to Plaintiffs and Class Members.

90. Plaintiffs and Class Members also face substantial risk of being victims of medical identity theft.

91. Plaintiffs and Class Members may also incur out-of-pocket costs for protective measures such as credit monitoring fees, credit report fees, credit freeze fees, and similar costs directly or indirectly related to the Data Breach.

92. The information that Defendants maintain regarding Plaintiffs and Class Members combined with publicly available information allows nefarious actors to assemble a detailed picture of Plaintiffs and Class Members.

93. Plaintiffs and Class Members were also damaged via benefit-of-the-bargain damages.

94. Plaintiffs and Class Members have spent and will continue to spend significant amounts of time to monitor their accounts and records for misuse.

95. Plaintiffs and Class Members have suffered or will suffer actual injury as a direct result of the Data Breach. Many victims suffered or will suffer ascertainable losses in the form of out-of-pocket expenses and the value of their time reasonably incurred to remedy or mitigate the effects of the Data Breach relating to:

- a. Finding fraudulent charges;
  - b. Canceling and reissuing credit and debit cards;
  - c. Purchasing credit monitoring and identity theft prevention;
  - d. Placing “freezes” and “alerts” with credit reporting agencies;
  - e. Spending time on the phone with or at a financial institution to dispute fraudulent charges;
  - f. Contacting financial institutions and closing or modifying financial accounts; and
  - g. Closely reviewing and monitoring bank accounts and credit reports for unauthorized activity for years to come.

96. Moreover, Plaintiffs and Class Members have an interest in ensuring that their Private Information, which is believed to remain in the possession of Defendants, is protected from further breaches by the implementation of security

measures and safeguards, including but not limited to making sure that the storage of data or documents containing personal information is not accessible online, that access to such data is password-protected, and that such data is properly encrypted.

97. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' actions and inactions, Plaintiffs and Class Members have suffered a loss of privacy and either have suffered harm or are at an increased risk of future harm.

## **CLASS ALLEGATIONS**

98. Plaintiffs brings this action pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on behalf of himself and on behalf of all other persons similarly situated (the “Class”).

99. Plaintiffs propose the following Class definitions, subject to amendment as appropriate:

## Nationwide Class

All individuals in the United States who had Private Information stolen as a result of the Data Breach, including all who were sent a notice of the Data Breach.

## California Subclass

All residents of California who had Private Information stolen as a result of the Data Breach, including all who were sent a notice of the Data Breach.

Arizona Subclass

All residents of Arizona who had Private Information stolen as a result of the Data Breach, including all who were sent a notice of the Data Breach

100. Excluded from each of the above Classes are Defendants and their parents or subsidiaries, any entities in which they have a controlling interest, as well as their officers, directors, affiliates, legal representatives, heirs, predecessors, successors, and assigns. Also excluded are any Judge to whom this case is assigned as well as their judicial staff and immediate family members.

101. Plaintiffs reserve the right to modify or amend the definitions of the proposed Classes before the Court determines whether certification is appropriate.

102. Each of the proposed Classes meet the criteria for certification under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a), (b)(2), and (b)(3).

103. Numerosity. The Class Members are so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable. Based on Defendants' reporting to HHS, the Class consists of **more than 3.3 million** HPN-affiliated patients whose data was compromised in the Data Breach. The identities of Class Members are ascertainable through Defendants' records, Class Members' records, publication notice, self-identification, and other means.

104. Commonality. There are questions of law and fact common to the Class which predominate over any questions affecting only individual Class Members. These common questions of law and fact include, without limitation:

- a. Whether Defendants engaged in the conduct alleged herein;
  - b. Whether Defendants' conduct violated the California Consumer Privacy Act ("CCPA") invoked below;
  - c. Whether Defendants' conduct violated California's Unfair Competition Law ("UCL") invoked below;
  - d. Whether Defendants' conduct violated California's Confidentiality of Medical Information Act ("CMIA") invoked below;
  - e. Whether Defendants' conduct violated California's Consumers Legal Remedies Act ("CLRA") invoked below;

- 1 f. Whether Defendants' conduct violated the Arizona Consumer Fraud  
2 Act ("ACFA") invoked below;
- 3 g. When Defendants actually learned of the Data Breach and whether  
4 their response was adequate;
- 5 h. Whether Defendants unlawfully lost or disclosed Plaintiffs' and  
6 Class Members' Private Information;
- 7 i. Whether Defendants failed to implement and maintain reasonable  
8 security procedures and practices appropriate to the nature and  
9 scope of the information compromised in the Data Breach;
- 10 j. Whether Defendants' data security systems prior to and during the  
11 Data Breach complied with applicable data security laws and  
12 regulations;
- 13 k. Whether Defendants' data security systems prior to and during the  
14 Data Breach were consistent with industry standards;
- 15 l. Whether Defendants owed a duty to Class Members to safeguard  
16 their Private Information;
- 17 m. Whether Defendants breached their duty to Class Members to  
18 safeguard their Private Information;
- 19 n. Whether hackers obtained Class Members' Private Information via  
20 the Data Breach;
- 21 o. Whether Defendants knew or should have known that their data  
22 security systems and monitoring processes were deficient;
- 23 p. What damages Plaintiffs and Class Members suffered as a result of  
24 Defendants' misconduct;
- 25 q. Whether Defendants' conduct was negligent;
- 26 r. Whether Defendants' conduct was *per se* negligent;
- 27 s. Whether Defendants were unjustly enriched;

- 1 t. Whether Defendants breached their fiduciary duties to Plaintiffs and
- 2 Class Members;
- 3 u. Whether Defendants violated Plaintiffs' and Class Members'
- 4 privacy interests;
- 5 v. Whether Plaintiffs and Class Members are entitled to actual and/or
- 6 statutory damages;
- 7 w. Whether Plaintiffs and Class Members are entitled to additional
- 8 credit or identity monitoring and monetary relief; and
- 9 x. Whether Plaintiffs and Class Members are entitled to equitable
- 10 relief, including injunctive relief, restitution, disgorgement, and/or
- 11 the establishment of a constructive trust.

12 105. Typicality. Plaintiffs' claims are typical of those of other Class  
13 Members because Plaintiffs' Private Information, like that of every other Class  
14 Member, was compromised in the Data Breach.

15 106. Adequacy of Representation. Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately  
16 represent and protect the interests of Class Members. Plaintiffs' Counsel is  
17 competent and experienced in litigating class actions, including data privacy  
18 litigation of this kind.

19 107. Predominance. Defendants have engaged in a common course of  
20 conduct toward Plaintiffs and Class Members in that, upon information and belief,  
21 all of Plaintiffs' and Class Members' data was stored on the same computer systems  
22 and unlawfully accessed in the same way. The common issues arising from  
23 Defendants' conduct affecting Class Members set out above predominate over any  
24 individualized issues. Adjudication of these common issues in a single action has  
25 important and desirable advantages of judicial economy.

26 108. Superiority. A Class action is superior to other available methods for  
27 the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy. Class treatment of common

1 questions of law and fact is superior to multiple individual actions or piecemeal  
 2 litigation. Absent a Class action, most Class Members would likely find that the cost  
 3 of litigating their individual claims is prohibitively high and would therefore have  
 4 no effective remedy. The prosecution of separate actions by individual Class  
 5 Members would create a risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect  
 6 to individual Class Members, which would establish incompatible standards of  
 7 conduct for Defendants. In contrast, the conduct of this action as a Class action  
 8 presents far fewer management difficulties, conserves judicial resources and the  
 9 parties' resources, and protects the rights of each Class member.

109. Class certification also is appropriate under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(2).  
 Defendants have acted or have refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the  
 Class so that final injunctive relief or corresponding declaratory relief is appropriate  
 as to the Class as a whole.

110. Finally, all members of the proposed Class are readily ascertainable.  
 On information and belief, Defendants have access to the names, addresses, and  
 emails of all Class Members affected by the Data Breach. Class Members have  
 already been preliminarily identified and sent notice of the Data Breach by  
 Defendants.

19 **CLAIMS FOR RELIEF**

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 21 **COUNT I**  
 22 **NEGLIGENCE**  
 23 **(ON BEHALF OF PLAINTIFFS AND THE NATIONWIDE CLASS OR**  
 24 **ALTERNATIVELY THE CALIFORNIA AND ARIZONA SUBCLASSES)**

25 111. Plaintiffs restate and reallege all of the allegations stated above and  
 26 hereafter as if fully set forth herein.

27 112. Defendants knowingly collected, came into possession of, and  
 28 maintained Plaintiffs' and Class Members' Private Information, PII, and PHI, and  
 had a duty to exercise reasonable care in safeguarding, securing, and protecting such

1 information from being compromised, lost, stolen, misused, and/or disclosed to  
2 unauthorized parties.

3 113. Defendants knew or should have known of the risks inherent in  
4 collecting the Private Information, PII, and PHI of Plaintiffs and Class Members and  
5 the importance of adequate security. Defendants were on notice because they knew  
6 or should have known that they would be an attractive target for cyberattacks,  
7 especially as a healthcare provider.

8 114. Defendants owed a duty of care to Plaintiffs and Class Members whose  
9 Private Information was entrusted to them as a result of the special relationship  
10 between Defendants and their patients, recognized by laws and regulations including  
11 but not limited to HIPAA, as well as common law. Defendants' duties included, but  
12 were not limited to, the following:

- 13 a. To exercise reasonable care in obtaining, retaining, securing,  
14 safeguarding, deleting, and protecting Private Information, PII, and  
15 PHI in their possession;
- 16 b. To protect Private Information, PII, and PHI using reasonable and  
17 adequate security procedures and systems that are compliant with  
18 industry standards;
- 19 c. To have procedures in place to prevent the loss or unauthorized  
20 dissemination of Private Information, PII, and PHI in their  
21 possession;
- 22 d. To employ reasonable security measures and otherwise protect the  
23 Private Information, PII, and PHI of Plaintiffs and Class Members  
24 pursuant to the FTCA, CCPA, UCL, CMIA, CLRA, ACFA, and  
25 HIPAA;
- 26 e. To implement processes to quickly detect a data breach and to timely  
27 act on warnings about data breaches; and

1 f. To promptly notify Plaintiffs and Class Members of the Data  
2 Breach, and to precisely disclose the types of information  
3 compromised.

4 115. Defendants' duty to use reasonable security measures under HIPAA  
5 required Defendants to "reasonably protect" confidential data from "any intentional  
6 or unintentional use or disclosure" and to "have in place appropriate administrative,  
7 technical, and physical safeguards to protect the privacy of protected health  
8 information." 45 C.F.R. § 164.530(c)(1).

9 116. Defendants' duty to use reasonable care in protecting confidential data  
10 arose not only as a result of the statutes and regulations described above, but also  
11 because Defendants were bound by industry standards to protect confidential Private  
12 Information.

13 117. Plaintiffs and Class Members were foreseeable victims of any  
14 inadequate security practices on the part of Defendants, and Defendants owed them  
15 a duty of care to not subject them to an unreasonable risk of harm. It was reasonably  
16 foreseeable that Defendants' failure to utilize adequate security measures to protect  
17 Class Members' Private Information would result in injury to Class Members. The  
18 Data Breach was reasonably foreseeable given the known high frequency of  
19 cyberattacks and data breaches in the healthcare industry.

20 118. Defendants, through their actions and/or omissions, unlawfully  
21 breached their duty to Plaintiffs and Class Members by failing to exercise reasonable  
22 care in protecting and safeguarding Plaintiffs' and Class Members' Private  
23 Information, PII, and PHI within Defendants' possession.

24 119. Defendants, by their actions and/or omissions, breached their duty of  
25 care by failing to provide, or acting with reckless disregard for, fair, reasonable, or  
26 adequate computer systems and data security practices to safeguard the Private  
27 Information, PII, and PHI of Plaintiffs and Class Members.

1           120. Defendants breached their duties, and thus were negligent, by failing to  
2 use reasonable measures to protect Class Members' Private Information, PII, and  
3 PHI. On information and belief, the specific negligent acts and omissions committed  
4 by Defendants include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 5           a. Failing to adopt, implement, and maintain adequate security  
6           measures to safeguard Class Members' Private Information, PII, and  
7           PHI;
- 8           b. Failing to adequately monitor the security of their networks and  
9           systems;
- 10          c. Failing to periodically ensure that their email system maintained  
11           reasonable data security safeguards; and
- 12          d. Allowing unauthorized access to Class Members' Private  
13           Information, PII, and PHI.

14          121. Plaintiffs' and Class Members' willingness to entrust Defendants with  
15 their Private Information, PII, and PHI was predicated on the understanding that  
16 Defendants would take adequate security precautions. Moreover, only Defendants  
17 had the ability to protect their systems (and the Private Information that they stored  
18 there) from attack.

19          122. Defendants' breach of duties owed to Plaintiffs and Class Members  
20 caused Plaintiffs' and Class Members' Private Information, PII, and PHI to be  
21 compromised.

22          123. Defendants' breaches of duty caused a foreseeable risk to Plaintiffs and  
23 Class Members that they would be harmed by suffering from identity theft, loss of  
24 control over their Private Information, and/or loss of time and money to monitor  
25 their accounts for fraud.

124. As a result of Defendants' negligence and breach of duties, Plaintiffs and Class Members are in danger of imminent harm in that their Private Information, which is still in the possession of third parties, will be used for fraudulent purposes.

125. Defendants also had independent duties under California and Arizona state law (including the CCPA and ACFA) that required them to reasonably safeguard Plaintiffs' and Class Members' Private Information, PII, and PHI.

126. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' negligent conduct, Plaintiffs and Class Members have suffered damages and are at imminent risk of further harm.

127. The injury and harm that Plaintiffs and Class Members suffered was reasonably foreseeable.

128. The injury and harm that Plaintiffs and Class Members suffered was the direct and proximate result of Defendants' negligent conduct.

129. Plaintiffs and Class Members have suffered injury and are entitled to damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

130. In addition to monetary relief, Plaintiffs and Class Members are also entitled to injunctive relief requiring Defendants to, inter alia, strengthen their data security systems and monitoring procedures, conduct periodic audits of those systems, and provide lifetime credit monitoring and identity theft insurance to Plaintiffs and Class Members.

**COUNT II**  
**NEGLIGENCE *PER SE***  
**(ON BEHALF OF PLAINTIFFS AND THE NATIONWIDE CLASS OR  
ALTERNATIVELY THE CALIFORNIA AND ARIZONA SUBCLASSES)**

131. Plaintiffs restate and reallege the allegations in paragraphs 1-110 as if fully set forth herein.

132. Pursuant to Section 5 of the FTCA, Defendants had a duty to provide fair and adequate computer systems and data security to safeguard Plaintiffs' and Class Members' Private Information, PII, and PHI.

133. Pursuant to HIPAA, Defendants had a duty to implement reasonable safeguards to protect Plaintiffs' and Class Members' PHI.

134. Under HIPAA, Defendants had a duty to render electronic PHI into unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable form. *See* 45 C.F.R. § 164.304.

135. Defendants breached their duties by, upon information and belief, failing to employ industry-standard cybersecurity measures in order to comply with the FTCA and their obligations under HIPAA, including but not limited to: proper segregation, access controls, password protection, encryption, intrusion detection, secure destruction of unnecessary data, and penetration testing.

136. Plaintiffs and Class Members are within the class of persons that the FTCA and HIPAA are intended to protect.

137. The FTCA prohibits “unfair . . . practices in or affecting commerce,” including, as interpreted and enforced by the FTC, the unfair act or practice of failing to use reasonable measures to protect Private Information. The FTC publications described above and the industry-standard cybersecurity measures also form part of the basis of Defendants’ duty in this regard.

138. Defendants violated the FTCA and HIPAA by failing to use reasonable measures to protect the Private Information of Plaintiffs and Class Members and by not complying with applicable industry standards.

139. It was reasonably foreseeable, particularly given the growing number of data breaches of Private Information in the medical industry, that the failure to reasonably protect and secure Plaintiffs' and Class Members' Private Information, PII, and PHI in compliance with applicable laws would result in an unauthorized

1 third party gaining access to Defendants' networks, databases, and computers that  
2 stored or contained Plaintiffs' and Class Members' Private Information.

3 140. Defendants' violations of the FTCA and HIPAA constitute negligence  
4 *per se*.

5 141. Plaintiffs' and Class Members' Private Information, PII, and PHI  
6 constitute personal property that was stolen due to Defendants' negligence, resulting  
7 in harm, injury, and damages to Plaintiffs and Class Members.

8 142. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' negligence *per se*,  
9 Plaintiffs and the Class have suffered, and continue to suffer, injuries and damages  
10 arising from the unauthorized access of their Private Information (including PII and  
11 PHI) because of the Data Breach, including but not limited to damages from lost  
12 time and effort to mitigate the actual and potential impact of the Data Breach on their  
13 lives.

14 143. Defendants breached their duties to Plaintiffs and the Class under  
15 FTCA and HIPAA, as well as under California and Arizona state laws (discussed  
16 below) by failing to provide fair, reasonable, or adequate computer systems and data  
17 security practices to safeguard Plaintiffs' and Class Members' Private Information,  
18 PII, and PHI.

19 144. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' negligent conduct,  
20 Plaintiffs and Class Members have suffered injury and are entitled to compensatory  
21 and consequential damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

22 145. In addition to monetary relief, Plaintiffs and Class Members are also  
23 entitled to injunctive relief requiring Defendants to, *inter alia*, strengthen their data  
24 security systems and monitoring procedures, conduct periodic audits of those  
25 systems, and provide lifetime credit monitoring and identity theft insurance to  
26 Plaintiffs and Class Members.

**COUNT III**  
**BREACH OF CONTRACT**  
**(ON BEHALF OF PLAINTIFFS AND THE NATIONWIDE CLASS OR  
ALTERNATIVELY THE CALIFORNIA AND ARIZONA SUBCLASSES)**

146. Plaintiffs restate and reallege the allegations in paragraphs 1-110 as if fully set forth herein.

147. Plaintiffs and Class Members entered into a valid and enforceable contract through which Defendants provided services to Plaintiffs and Class Members. That contract included promises by Defendants to secure, safeguard, and not disclose Plaintiffs' and Class Members' Private Information.

148. Defendants' Privacy Policy memorialized the rights and obligations of Defendants and their patients. In its Privacy Policy, Defendants commits to protecting the privacy and security of personal information and promises to never share such information except under certain limited defined circumstances.

149. Defendants promised to comply with all HIPAA standards, state and federal law, to ensure Plaintiffs' and Class Members' PHI was protected, secured, kept private, and not disclosed, and to promptly notify Plaintiffs and Class Members of any data breach.

150. Plaintiffs and Class Members fully performed their obligations under their contracts with Defendants.

151. However, Defendants did not secure, safeguard, and/or keep private Plaintiffs' and Class Members' PII and PHI, and therefore Defendants breached their contract with Plaintiffs and Class Members.

152. Defendants allowed third parties to access, copy, and/or transfer Plaintiffs' and Class Members' PII and PHI without permission. Therefore, Defendants breached the Privacy Policy with Plaintiffs and Class Members.

153. Defendants' failure to satisfy its confidentiality and privacy obligations resulted in Defendants providing services to Plaintiffs and Class Members that were of a diminished value.

154. As a result, Plaintiffs and Class Members have been harmed, damaged, and/or injured as described herein.

155. In addition to monetary relief, Plaintiffs and Class Members are also entitled to injunctive relief requiring Defendants to, *inter alia*, strengthen their data security systems and monitoring procedures, conduct periodic audits of those systems, and provide lifetime credit monitoring and identity theft insurance to Plaintiffs and Class Members.

**COUNT IV**  
**BREACH OF IMPLIED CONTRACT**  
**(ON BEHALF OF PLAINTIFFS AND THE NATIONWIDE CLASS OR  
ALTERNATIVELY THE CALIFORNIA AND ARIZONA SUBCLASSES)**

156. Plaintiffs restate and reallege the allegations in paragraphs 1-110 as if fully set forth herein.

157. This Count is pleaded in the alternative to Count III above.

158. Defendants provide medical services to Plaintiffs and Class Members. Plaintiffs and Class Members formed an implied contract with Defendants regarding the provision of those services through their collective conduct.

159. Through Defendants' provision of services, they knew or should have known that they must protect Plaintiffs' and Class Members' confidential Private Information, PII, and PHI in accordance with Defendants' policies, practices, and applicable law, including the FTCA, CCPA, UCL, CLRA, CMIA, ACFA, and HIPAA.

160. As part of receiving services, Plaintiffs and Class Members turned over valuable PII and PHI to Defendants. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class Members bargained with Defendants to securely maintain and store their Private Information.

161. Defendants violated these implied contracts by failing to employ reasonable and adequate security measures to secure Plaintiffs' and Class Members' Private Information.

162. Plaintiffs and Class Members have been damaged by Defendants' conduct, including by incurring the harms and injuries arising from the Data Breach now and in the future.

**COUNT V**  
**BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY**  
**(ON BEHALF OF PLAINTIFFS AND THE NATIONWIDE CLASS OR  
ALTERNATIVELY THE CALIFORNIA AND ARIZONA SUBCLASSES)**

163. Plaintiffs restate and reallege the allegations in paragraphs 1-110 as if fully set forth herein.

164. In light of the special relationship between Defendants and Plaintiffs and Class Members whereby Defendants became guardian of Plaintiffs' and Class Members' Private Information, Defendants became a fiduciary to act primarily for Plaintiffs and Class Members for the safeguarding of Plaintiffs' and Class Members' Private Information, to timely notify Plaintiffs and Class Members of a data breach, and to maintain complete and accurate records of the personal information that Defendants maintain.

165. Defendants breached their fiduciary duties to Plaintiffs and Class Members by failing to safeguard and otherwise protect the integrity of the systems containing Plaintiffs' and Class Members' Private Information.

166. Defendants also breached their fiduciary duties to Plaintiffs by failing to promptly notify Plaintiffs and Class Members of the Data Breach.

167. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' breaches of their fiduciary duties, Plaintiffs and Class Members have suffered and will suffer injury, including but not limited to: (i) actual identity theft; (ii) the compromise, publication, and/or theft of their Private Information; (iii) out-of-pocket expenses associated with

1 the prevention, detection, and recovery from identity theft and/or unauthorized use  
2 of their Private Information; (iv) lost opportunity costs associated with effort  
3 expended and the loss of productivity addressing and attempting to mitigate the  
4 actual and future consequences of the Data Breach, including but not limited to  
5 efforts spent researching how to prevent, detect, contest, and recover from identity  
6 theft; (v) the continued risk to their Private Information, which remains in  
7 Defendants' possession and is subject to further unauthorized disclosures so long as  
8 Defendants fail to undertake appropriate and adequate measures to protect the  
9 Private Information in their possession; (vi) future costs in terms of time, effort, and  
10 money that will be expended as a result of the Data Breach for the remainder of  
11 Plaintiffs' and Class Members' lives; and (vii) the diminished value of Defendants'  
12 services.

13        168. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' breach of their fiduciary  
14 duties, Plaintiffs and Class Members have suffered and will continue to suffer other  
15 forms of injury and/or harm, and other economic and non-economic losses.

**COUNT VI**  
**VIOLATION OF THE CCPA, CAL. CIV. CODE § 1798, ET SEQ.**  
**(ON BEHALF OF PLAINTIFF ORTEGA AND THE CALIFORNIA  
SUBCLASS)**

19       169. Plaintiff Ortega restates and realleges the allegations in paragraphs 1-  
20 110 as if fully set forth herein.

21       170. As fully alleged above, Defendants HPN, Regal, Lakeside, ADOC, and  
22 Covina (the “California Defendants”) engaged in unfair and deceptive acts and  
23 practices in violation of the CCPA.

24        171. In 2018, the California Legislature passed the CCPA, giving consumers  
25 broad protections and rights intended to safeguard their personal information.  
26 Among other things, the CCPA imposes an affirmative duty on certain businesses  
27 that maintain personal information about California residents to implement and

1 maintain reasonable security procedures and practices that are appropriate to the  
2 nature of the information collected.

3        172. The California Defendants are subject to the CCPA and failed to  
4 implement such procedures which resulted in the Data Breach.

5       173. Additionally, earlier this year, the CCPA was amended to provide new  
6 rights to consumers including the right to limit the use and disclosure of sensitive  
7 personal information collected for them. The California Defendants failed to comply  
8 with this as well.

9       174. Section 1798.100(e) of the CCPA states: “A business that collects a  
10 consumer’s personal information shall implement reasonable security procedures  
11 and practices appropriate to the nature of the personal information to protect the  
12 personal information from unauthorized or illegal access, destruction, use,  
13 modification, or disclosure . . .”

14        175. Section 1798.150(a)(1) of the CCPA provides: “Any consumer whose  
15 nonencrypted or nonredacted personal information, as defined [by the CCPA] is  
16 subject to an unauthorized access and exfiltration, theft, or disclosure as a result of  
17 the business’ violation of the duty to implement and maintain reasonable security  
18 procedures and practices appropriate to the nature of the information to protect the  
19 personal information may institute a civil action for” statutory or actual damages,  
20 injunctive or declaratory relief, and any other relief the court deems proper.

176. Plaintiff Ortega is a “consumer” as defined by Cal. Civ. Code § 1798.140(g) because he is a natural person residing in the state of California.

177. The California Defendants meet the definition of a “business” as  
defined by Civ. Code § 1798.140(c) because they are corporations that do business  
in the state of California and have total annual revenues of in excess of \$25,000,000.

178. The CCPA provides that “personal information” includes “[a]n individual’s first name or first initial and the individual’s last name in combination

1 with any one or more of the following data elements, when either the name or the  
2 data elements are not encrypted or redacted . . . (i) Social security number[;] (ii)  
3 Driver's license number[;] . . . (iii) Account number or credit or debit card number,  
4 in combination with any required security code, access code, or password that would  
5 permit access to an individual's financial account." Cal. Civ. Code § 1798.150(a)(1);  
6 Cal. Civ. Code § 1798.81.5(d)(1)(A). The Data Breach included "personal  
7 information" within the meaning of the CCPA.

8 179. Through the Data Breach, Plaintiff Ortega's and California Subclass  
9 Members' Private Information was accessed without authorization, exfiltrated, and  
10 stolen in a nonencrypted and/or nonredacted format.

11 180. The Data Breach occurred as a result of Defendants' failure to  
12 implement and maintain reasonable security procedures and practices appropriate to  
13 the nature of the information.

14 181. Additionally, Cal. Civ. Code § 1798.82 requires that any "person or  
15 business that conducts business in California, and that owns or licenses  
16 computerized data that includes personal information" to "disclose any breach of the  
17 security of the system following discovery of notification of the breach in the  
18 security of the data to any resident of California whose unencrypted personal  
19 information was, or is reasonably believed to have been, acquired by an unauthorized  
20 person. . . . in the most expedient time possible and without unreasonable delay . . ."  
21 As discussed above, the California Defendants waited two months to notify  
22 Plaintiff of the breach. The California Defendants violated this provision as a result.

23 182. Plaintiff Ortega has sent written notice to the California Defendants  
24 pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code § 1798.150(b)(1) identifying the specific provisions of  
25 the CCPA Plaintiff Ortega alleges they have violated or are violating. Although a  
26 cure is not possible under the circumstances, if (as expected) the California  
27 Defendants are unable to cure or do not cure the violations within 30 days of Plaintiff  
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1 Ortega's letters, Plaintiff Ortega will amend this Complaint to pursue actual or  
2 statutory damages as permitted by Cal. Civ. Code § 1798.150(a)(1)(A).

3        183. As a result of the California Defendants' failure to implement and  
4 maintain reasonable security procedures and practices that resulted in the Data  
5 Breach, Plaintiffs seek actual pecuniary damages, injunctive and declaratory relief,  
6 and any other relief as deemed appropriate by the Court.

COUNT VII

**VIOLATION OF THE UCL, CAL. BUS. PROF. CODE § 17200, ET SEQ.  
(ON BEHALF OF PLAINTIFF ORTEGA AND THE CALIFORNIA  
SUBCLASS)**

10       184. Plaintiff Ortega restates and realleges the allegations in paragraphs 1-  
11 110 as if fully set forth herein.

12        185. Defendants violated the UCL, Cal. Bus. Prof. Code § 17200, *et seq.*, by  
13 engaging in unlawful, unfair or fraudulent business acts and practices and unfair,  
14 deceptive, untrue or misleading advertising that constitute acts of “unfair  
15 competition” as defined in the UCL, including, but not limited to, by representing  
16 that they would maintain adequate data privacy and security practices and  
17 procedures to safeguard California Subclass Members’ Private Information from  
18 unauthorized disclosure, release, data breach, and theft; representing and advertising  
19 that they would and did comply with the requirement of relevant federal and state  
20 laws relating to privacy and security of California Subclass Members’ Private  
21 Information; omitting, suppressing, and concealing the material fact of the  
22 inadequacy of the privacy and security protections for the Private Information; and  
23 collecting California Subclass Members’ Private Information without adequately  
24 protecting or storing their Private Information.

25        186. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unfair and unlawful  
26 practices and acts, California Subclass Members were injured and lost money or  
27 property, including but not limited to, overpayments that Defendants received to

1 maintain adequate security measures but did not, the loss of their legally protected  
2 interest in the confidentiality and privacy of their Private Information, PII, and PHI,  
3 and additional losses described above.

4       187. Defendants knew or should have known that their administrative and  
5 data security measures were inadequate to safeguard California Subclass Members'  
6 Private Information and that the risk of a data breach or unauthorized access was  
7 likely. Defendant had the resources to secure and/or prepare for protecting its  
8 patients' Private Information, PII, and PHI in a data breach. Defendant's actions in  
9 engaging in the above unfair, unlawful, and deceptive acts and practices were  
10 negligent, knowing and willful, and/or wanton and reckless with respect to  
11 Plaintiffs' and Class Members' rights.

12       188. Plaintiffs seeks relief under the UCL, including restitution to Plaintiffs  
13 and Class Members of money or property that Defendants may have acquired by  
14 means of their deceptive, unlawful, and unfair business practices, declaratory relief,  
15 attorney fees, costs and expenses (pursuant to Cal. Code Civ. § 1021.5), and  
16 injunctive or other equitable relief.

17       189. Defendants did not inform their patients that they failed to properly  
18 safeguard their Private Information, PII, and PHI thus misleading California  
19 Subclass Members in violation of § 17200, *et seq.* Such misrepresentation was  
20 material because California Subclass Members entrusted Defendants with their  
21 Private Information, PII, and PHI.

22       190. Had California Subclass Members known of Defendants' failure to  
23 maintain adequate security measures to protect their Private Information, California  
24 Subclass Members would not have entrusted their Private Information, PII, and PHI  
25 to Defendants.

26       191. California Subclass Members were injured because: (a) they would not  
27 have paid for services from Defendant had they known the true nature and character

1 of Defendant's data security practices; (b) California Subclass Members would not  
2 have entrusted their Private Information to Defendants in the absence of promises  
3 that Defendants would keep their information reasonably secure; and (c) California  
4 Subclass Members would not have entrusted their Private Information to Defendants  
5 in the absence of the promise to monitor their computer systems and networks to  
6 ensure that they adopted reasonable data security measures.

7        192. As a result, California Subclass Members have been damaged in an  
8 amount to be proven at trial.

9       193. On behalf of himself and other California Subclass Members, Plaintiff  
10 Ortega seeks to enjoin the unlawful acts and practices described herein, to recover  
11 his actual damages, treble damages, and reasonable attorneys' fees.

## COUNT VIII

**VIOLATION OF THE CMIA, CAL. CIV. CODE § 56, ET SEQ.  
(ON BEHALF OF PLAINTIFF ORTEGA AND THE CALIFORNIA  
SUBCLASS)**

194. Plaintiff Ortega restates and realleges the allegations in paragraphs 1-  
110 as if fully set forth herein.

17        195. Defendants are subject to the CMIA because they are “business[es]  
18 organized for the purpose of maintaining medical information . . . in order to make  
19 the information available to an individual or provider of health care . . .” under Cal.  
20 Civ. Code § 56.06.

196. Plaintiff Ortega is a “[p]atient” as that term is defined in Cal. Civ. Code  
§ 56.05(k). California Subclass Members are also patients under that provision.

23        197. As a direct result of Defendants' unlawful actions and inactions, they  
24 disclosed "medical information regarding a patient of the provider of health care or  
25 an enrollee or subscriber of a health care service plan without first obtaining an  
26 authorization" by allowing third-party criminal hackers to access and exfiltrate

1 Plaintiffs' and California Subclass Members' PHI in violation of Cal. Civ. Code §  
2 56.10(a).

3 198. Defendants breached the confidentiality of Plaintiffs' and Class  
4 Members' PHI in violation of Cal. Civ. Code § 56.101(a) by allowing unauthorized  
5 individuals to access Plaintiffs' and California Subclass Members' PHI.

6 199. Plaintiff Ortega and California Subclass Members have suffered actual  
7 injury and are entitled to damages under Cal. Civ. Code §§ 56.35 and 56.36 in an  
8 amount to be proven at trial.

9 **COUNT IX**

10 **VIOLATION OF THE CLRA, CAL. CIV. CODE § 1750, ET SEQ.  
(ON BEHALF OF PLAINTIFF ORTEGA AND THE CALIFORNIA  
11 SUBCLASS)**

12 200. Plaintiff Ortega restates and realleges the allegations in paragraphs 1-  
13 110 as if fully set forth herein.

14 201. Plaintiff Ortega and California Subclass Members are "consumers" as  
15 the term is defined by California Civil Code § 1761(d).

16 202. Plaintiff Ortega and California Subclass Members have engaged in  
17 "transactions" with Defendants, as that term is defined by California Civil Code §  
18 1761(e).

19 203. Cal. Civ. Code § 1770(a)(5) prohibits one who is involved in a  
20 transaction from "[r]epresenting that goods or services have sponsorship, approval,  
21 characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities which they do not have."  
22 Defendants violated this provision by representing to Plaintiff Ortega and California  
23 Subclass Members that they would take appropriate measures to protect Plaintiff  
24 Ortega's and California Subclass Members' Private Information.

25 204. Based on Defendants' representations, Plaintiff Ortega and California  
26 Subclass members were induced to enter into a business relationship with  
27 Defendants and provide their PII and PHI.

205. As a result of engaging in such conduct, Defendants have violated Cal. Civ. Code § 1770.

206. Pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code §§ 1780(a)(2) and (a)(5), Plaintiff Ortega seeks an order of this Court that enjoins Defendants from continuing to engage in unlawful, unfair, or fraudulent business practices or any other act prohibited by law. Plaintiff Ortega and California Subclass Members may be irreparably harmed and denied an effective and complete remedy if such an order is not granted.

## COUNT X

**VIOLATION OF THE ACFA, ARIZ. REV. STAT. § 44-1521, ET SEQ.  
(ON BEHALF OF PLAINTIFF COLE AND THE ARIZONA SUBCLASS)**

207. Plaintiff Cole restates and realleges the allegations in paragraphs 1-110 as if fully set forth herein.

208. The ACFA provides that “[t]he act, use or employment by any person of any deception, deceptive or unfair act or practice, fraud, false pretense, false promise, misrepresentation, or concealment, suppression or omission of any material fact with intent that others rely on such concealment, suppression or omission, in connection with the sale or advertisement of any merchandise whether or not any person has in fact been misled, deceived or damaged thereby, is declared to be an unlawful practice.” Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 44-1522.

209. Plaintiff Cole and Arizona Subclass Members are “person[s]” as defined in Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 44-1521(6).

210. Defendants APC and AZPC (the “Arizona Defendants”) are involved in the “sale” of “merchandise” as those terms are defined in Ariz. Rev. Stat. §§ 44-1521(5) and 1521(7).

211. The Arizona Defendants engaged in deceptive and unfair acts and practices, misrepresentation, and the concealment, suppression, and omission of material facts in connection with the “sale” and “advertisement” of “merchandise”

1 (as those terms are defined in the ACFA) in violation of the ACFA, Ariz. Rev. Stat.  
2 § 44-1522(A) including but not limited to the following:

- 3 a. failing to maintain sufficient security to keep Plaintiff Cole's and  
4 Arizona Class Members' confidential medical, financial, and  
5 personal data from being hacked and stolen;
- 6 b. misrepresenting material facts to Plaintiff Cole and Arizona Class  
7 Members in connection with the sale of health benefits services by  
8 representing that they would maintain adequate data privacy and  
9 security practices and procedures to safeguard Arizona Class  
10 Members' PHI from unauthorized disclosure, release, data breaches,  
11 and theft;
- 12 c. misrepresenting material facts to Arizona Class Members in  
13 connection with the sale of medical services by representing that the  
14 Arizona Defendants did and would comply with the requirements of  
15 relevant federal and state laws pertaining to the privacy and security  
16 of Arizona Class Members' Private Information;
- 17 d. failing to disclose the Data Breach to Arizona Class Members in  
18 "the most expedient manner possible and without unreasonable  
19 delay" in violation of Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 44-7501; and
- 20 e. failing to take proper action following the Data Breach to enact  
21 adequate privacy and security measures and protect Arizona Class  
22 Members' personal information from further unauthorized  
23 disclosure, release, data breaches, and theft.

24 212. The Arizona Defendants' failure to disclose that their computer systems  
25 were not well-protected and that Plaintiff Cole's and Arizona Class Members'  
26 sensitive information was vulnerable and susceptible to intrusion and cyberattacks  
27 constitutes deceptive and/or unfair acts or practices because the Arizona Defendants  
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1 knew such facts would be unknown to and not easily discoverable and would defeat  
2 their patients' ordinary, foreseeable and reasonable expectations concerning the  
3 security of the Arizona Defendants' computer servers.

4       213. The Arizona Defendants intended that Plaintiff Cole and Arizona Class  
5 Members rely on their deceptive and unfair acts and practices, misrepresentations,  
6 and the concealment, suppression, and omission of material facts, in connection with  
7 the Arizona Defendants' provision of medical services and maintaining Plaintiff  
8 Cole's and Arizona Class Members' Private Information on their computer servers.  
9 This was a violation of the AFCA.

10      214. The Arizona Defendants also engaged in unfair acts and practices in  
11 connection with the sale of medical services by failing to maintain the privacy and  
12 security of Plaintiff Cole's and Arizona Class Members' personal information, in  
13 violation of duties imposed by and public policies reflected in applicable federal and  
14 state laws like FTCA, HIPAA, and the Arizona Insurance Information and Privacy  
15 Act, Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 20-2113, resulting in the Data Breach.

16      215. The Arizona Defendants' wrongful practices were and are injurious to  
17 the public interest because those practices were part of a generalized course of  
18 conduct on their part that applied to Arizona Class Members and were repeated  
19 continuously before and after the Arizona Defendants obtained confidential medical,  
20 financial, and personal data concerning Plaintiff Cole and Arizona Class Members.  
21 Plaintiff Cole and Arizona Class Members have been adversely affected by the  
22 Arizona Defendants' conduct and the public was and is at risk as a result thereof.

23      216. As a result of the Arizona Defendants' wrongful conduct, Plaintiff Cole  
24 and Arizona Class Members were injured in that they never would have allowed  
25 their sensitive and personal data to be provided to the Arizona Defendants if they  
26 had known that the Arizona Defendants failed to maintain sufficient security to keep  
27 their data from being stolen.

217. The Arizona Defendants' unfair and/or deceptive conduct proximately caused Plaintiff Cole's and Arizona Class Members' injuries because, had the Arizona Defendants adequately secured their Private Information, Plaintiff Cole and Arizona Class Members would not have lost it.

218. Plaintiff Cole and Arizona Class Members seek actual damages, compensatory, punitive damages, injunctive relief, and court costs and attorneys' fees as a result of the Arizona Defendants' violations of the AFCA.

**COUNT XI**  
**INVASION OF PRIVACY**  
**(ON BEHALF OF PLAINTIFFS AND THE CALIFORNIA AND ARIZONA  
SUBCLASSES)**

219. Plaintiffs restate and reallege the allegations in paragraphs 1-110 as if fully set forth herein.

220. Plaintiffs and Class Members maintain a privacy interest in their Private Information, which is private, confidential information that is protected from disclosure by applicable laws set forth above.

221. Defendants unlawfully invaded the privacy rights of Plaintiffs and Class Members by failing to adequately secure their PII and PHI from disclosure to unauthorized parties for improper purposes. This invasion into the privacy interest of Plaintiff and Class Members is serious and substantial.

222. In failing to adequately secure Plaintiffs' and Class Members' PII and PHI, Defendants acted in reckless disregard of Plaintiffs' and Class Members' privacy rights.

223. Defendants' disclosure of Plaintiffs' and Class Members' Private Information to unauthorized third parties as a result of their failure to adequately secure and safeguard Plaintiffs' and Class Members' Private Information is offensive. Defendants' disclosure of Plaintiffs' and Class Members' Private Information to unauthorized third parties permitted the physical and electronic

1 intrusion into private quarters where Plaintiffs' and Class Members' Private  
2 Information was stored.

3        224. Defendants violated Plaintiffs' and Class Members' right to privacy  
4 under the common law as well as under state law, including the California and  
5 Arizona state Constitutions. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants'  
6 unlawful invasions of privacy, Plaintiffs' and Class Members' reasonable  
7 expectations of privacy have been intruded upon and frustrated. Plaintiffs and Class  
8 Members have suffered injury as a result of Defendants' unlawful invasions of  
9 privacy and are entitled to appropriate relief.

10        225. Plaintiffs and Class Members have been damaged by Defendants' conduct, including by incurring the harms and injuries arising from the Data Breach  
11 now and in the future.  
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**COUNT XII**  
**UNJUST ENRICHMENT**  
**(ON BEHALF OF PLAINTIFFS AND THE NATIONWIDE CLASS OR  
ALTERNATIVELY THE CALIFORNIA AND ARIZONA SUBCLASSES)**

16        226. Plaintiffs restate and reallege the allegations in paragraphs 1-110 as if  
17 fully set forth herein.

18 || 227. This count is pleaded in the alternative to Counts III and IV above.

19        228. Plaintiffs and Class Members conferred a benefit on Defendants by  
20 paying for services that should have included data and cybersecurity protection to  
21 protect their Private Information, which Plaintiffs and Class Members did not  
22 receive.

23        229. Defendants have retained the benefits of its unlawful conduct including  
24 the amounts received for data and cybersecurity practices that they did not provide.  
25 Due to Defendants' conduct alleged herein, it would be unjust and inequitable under  
26 the circumstances for Defendants to be permitted to retain the benefit of their  
27 wrongful conduct.

1        230. Plaintiffs and Class Members are entitled to full refunds, restitution,  
2 and/or damages from Defendants, and/or an order of this Court proportionally  
3 disgorging all profits, benefits, and other compensation obtained by Defendants from  
4 their wrongful conduct. This can be accomplished by establishing a constructive  
5 trust from which Plaintiffs and Class Members may seek restitution or  
6 compensation.

7       231. Plaintiffs and Class Members may not have an adequate remedy at law  
8 against Defendants, and accordingly, they plead this claim for unjust enrichment in  
9 addition to, or in the alternative to, other claims pleaded herein.

**COUNT XIII**  
**DECLARATORY JUDGMENT**  
**(ON BEHALF OF PLAINTIFFS AND THE NATIONWIDE CLASS OR  
ALTERNATIVELY THE CALIFORNIA AND ARIZONA SUBCLASSES)**

13       232. Plaintiffs restate and reallege the allegations in paragraphs 1-110 as if  
14 fully set forth herein.

15       233. Under the Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2201, *et seq.*, this  
16 Court is authorized to enter a judgment declaring the rights and legal relations of the  
17 parties and to grant further necessary relief. Furthermore, the Court has broad  
18 authority to restrain acts, such as here, that are tortious and violate the terms of the  
19 federal and state statutes described in this Complaint.

20        234. Defendants owe a duty of care to Plaintiffs and Class Members, which  
21 required Defendants to adequately secure the Private Information.

22        235. Defendants still possesses Private Information regarding Plaintiffs and  
Class Members.

24        236. Plaintiffs allege that Defendants' data security measures remain  
25 inadequate. Furthermore, Plaintiffs continues to suffer injury as a result of the  
26 compromise of their Private Information and the risk remains that further  
27 compromises of their Private Information will occur in the future.

1           237. Under its authority pursuant to the Declaratory Judgment Act, this  
2 Court should enter a judgment declaring, among other things, the following:

- 3           a. Defendants owe a legal duty to secure its patients' Private  
4           Information under the common law and Section 5 of the FTCA;
- 5           b. Defendants' existing security measures do not comply with their  
6           explicit or implicit contractual obligations and duties of care to  
7           provide reasonable security procedures and practices that are  
8           appropriate to protect Private Information; and
- 9           c. Defendants continue to breach this legal duty by failing to employ  
10          reasonable measures to secure their patients' Private Information.

11           238. This Court should also issue corresponding prospective injunctive relief  
12 requiring Defendants to employ adequate security protocols consistent with legal  
13 and industry standards to protect their patients' Private Information, including the  
14 following:

- 15           a. Order Defendants to provide lifetime credit monitoring and identity  
16           theft insurance to Plaintiffs and Class Members.
- 17           b. Order that to comply with Defendants' explicit or implicit  
18           contractual obligations and duties of care, Defendants must  
19           implement and maintain reasonable security measures, including,  
20           but not limited to:
  - 21           i. engaging third-party security auditors/penetration testers as  
22           well as internal security personnel to conduct testing, including  
23           simulated attacks, penetration tests, and audits on Defendants'  
24           systems on a periodic basis, and ordering Defendants to  
25           promptly correct any problems or issues detected by such third-  
26           party security auditors;

- 1                   ii. engaging third-party security auditors and internal personnel to  
2                   run automated security monitoring;
- 3                   iii. auditing, testing, and training their security personnel regarding  
4                   any new or modified procedures;
- 5                   iv. segmenting their user applications by, among other things,  
6                   creating firewalls and access controls so that if one area is  
7                   compromised, hackers cannot gain access to other portions of  
8                   Defendants' systems;
- 9                   v. conducting regular database scanning and security checks;
- 10                  vi. routinely and continually conducting training and education to  
11                  inform security personnel how to identify and contain a breach  
12                  when it occurs and what to do in response to a breach; and
- 13                  vii. meaningfully educating their patients about the threats they  
14                  face with regard to the security of their Private Information, PII,  
15                  and PHI, as well as the steps their patients must take to protect  
16                  themselves.

17                  239. If an injunction is not issued, Plaintiffs and Class Members will suffer  
18                  irreparable injury and lack an adequate legal remedy to prevent another data breach  
19                  at Defendants. The risk of another such breach is real, immediate, and substantial. If  
20                  Defendant suffers another breach, Plaintiffs and Class Members will not have an  
21                  adequate remedy at law because many of the resulting injuries are not readily  
22                  quantifiable.

23                  240. The hardship to Plaintiffs and Class Members if an injunction does not  
24                  issue exceeds the hardship to Defendants if an injunction is issued. Plaintiffs and  
25                  Class Members will likely be subjected to substantial identity theft, medical identity  
26                  theft, and other related damages. On the other hand, the cost of Defendants'  
27                  compliance with an injunction requiring reasonable prospective data security

1 measures is relatively minimal, and Defendants have a preexisting legal obligation  
2 to employ such measures.

3 241. Issuance of the requested injunction will not disserve the public interest.  
4 To the contrary, such an injunction would benefit the public by preventing a  
5 subsequent data breach, thus preventing future injury to Plaintiffs and Class  
6 Members whose Private Information would be further compromised.

7 **PRAAYER FOR RELIEF**

8 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and the Classes described  
9 above, seek the following relief:

- 10 a. An order certifying this action as a Class action under Fed. R. Civ.  
11 P. 23, defining the Classes as requested herein, appointing the  
12 undersigned as Class counsel, and finding that Plaintiffs are proper  
13 representatives of the Classes requested herein;
- 14 b. Judgment in favor of Plaintiffs and Class Members, awarding them  
15 appropriate monetary relief, including actual damages, statutory  
16 damages, equitable relief, restitution, disgorgement, and statutory  
17 costs;
- 18 c. An order providing injunctive and other equitable relief as necessary  
19 to protect the interests of the Classes as requested herein;
- 20 d. An order instructing Defendants to purchase or provide funds for  
21 lifetime credit monitoring and identity theft insurance to Plaintiffs  
22 and Class Members;
- 23 e. An order requiring Defendants to pay the costs involved in notifying  
24 Class Members about the judgment and administering the claims  
25 process;

- 1 f. A judgment in favor of Plaintiffs and Class Members awarding them  
2 prejudgment and post-judgment interest, reasonable attorneys' fees,  
3 costs, and expenses as allowable by law; and  
4 g. An award of such other and further relief as this Court may deem  
5 just and proper.

6 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

7 Plaintiffs demand a trial by jury on all triable issues.  
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